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FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles announced today that a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Charleston, South Carolina, has returned the following indictments:

Illegal Alien Charged with Reentering the U.S. after being Convicted of a Felony

Jose Luis Monter Castro, a/k/a Alejandro Rivera Islas, age 31, and a citizen of Mexico, whose last known address was Ladson, South Carolina, was charged in a 1-count indictment with Illegal Reentry of a Felon in violation of Title 8 U.S.C. Sections 1326(a) and 1326(b)(1). The maximum sentence he could receive is a fine of \$250,000 and/or imprisonment of 10 years. The case was investigated by agents of the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean H. Secor of the Charleston Office.

Illegal Alien Charged with Reentering the U.S. after being Convicted of an Aggravated Felony

Virgilio Miguel, a/k/a Juan Alberto Miguel Gomez, a/k/a Juan Alberto Gomez-Miguel, age 33, and a citizen of Mexico, whose last known address was Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was charged in a 1-count indictment with Illegal Reentry of an Aggravated Felon in violation of Title 8 U.S.C. Sections 1326(a) and 1326(b)(2). The maximum sentence he could receive is a fine of \$250,000 and/or imprisonment of 20 years. The case was investigated by agents of the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean H. Secor of the Charleston Office.

North Charleston Woman Charged with Possessing and Importing Counterfeit Cashiers Checks and Money Orders

Katherine Brandt, age 68, of North Charleston, was charged in a 2-count Indictment with Passing Counterfeit Cashiers Checks and Importing Counterfeit Money Orders, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 513 and 545. The maximum penalty that Katherine Brandt could receive is 20 years imprisonment. The case was investigated by agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Rhett DeHart of the Charleston office for prosecution.

Cross Man Indicted for VA Fraud

Andrew Butler, age 50, of Cross, was charged in a 1-count Indictment with Theft of Government Property, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641. The maximum penalty that Andrew Butler could receive is 10 years imprisonment. The case was investigated by agents of the Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Rhett DeHart of the Charleston office for

prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that the charges in these Indictments are merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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